



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A tie-type security seal comprising a ~~[[body]]~~ single part of thermoplastic material ~~with a locking cavity in the form of a passage through the body, and~~ a metallic insert element at least partially embedded in said thermoplastic material, said single part of thermoplastic material having a body formed with a locking cavity in the form of a passage through the body, the metallic insert element being fixed in said cavity ~~[[and]]~~, formed with at least one through-opening aligned with said passage and ~~[[also]]~~ having a locking tooth, ~~[[and]]~~ said single part of thermoplastic material further having an elongated strip of thermoplastic material integral at one end with the body and having another free end portion for insertion through said passage in a first direction where it is locked by said tooth of the metallic insert element to prevent removal from the cavity in the opposite direction, ~~the body and the strip~~ the single part of thermoplastic material having been manufactured by a plastic injection operation, ~~wherein the~~ that also incorporates said metallic insert element ~~has been incorporated into the structure of said body of thermoplastic material during the injection operation.~~

2. (Currently amended) The security seal according to claim 1, wherein ~~the passage that defines the cavity in the body of the seal~~ a greater part of the elongated strip has a cross section substantially identical to that of the strip, ~~at least in the greater part of the length of the latter~~ passage that defines said cavity.

3. (Currently amended) The security seal according to claim 2, wherein the free end portion of the strip has a smaller cross section than the ~~remaining~~ greater part of the elongated strip to facilitate ~~[[the]]~~ initial introduction through said passage.

4. (Currently amended) The security seal according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metallic insert element is a substantially flat part stamped with a main region cut out in its center to define a plurality of teeth bent outwardly from the plane of the part, defining an opening between the ends of the teeth for passage of the elongated strip, and, on each side and in the same plane as the main region, a lateral extension of which the end coincides with ~~[[the]]~~ an outer side of said body.

5. (Previously presented) The security seal according to claim 4, wherein said end of each lateral extension of the metallic insert element has the form of a two-pronged fork.

6. (Currently amended) The security seal according to claim 4, wherein the end of each of said ~~[[side]]~~ lateral extensions is integral with a corresponding end of a ~~[[side]]~~ lateral extension of a metallic insert element of another similar seal, and the seal comprises one element in a "comb" of similar seals manufactured in the same injection operation, the individual seals being separable by breaking ~~[[the]]~~ junctions between the ends of the lateral extensions of the metallic insert elements.

7. (Currently Amended) The security seal according to claim 5, wherein the end of each of said ~~[[side]]~~ lateral extensions is integral with a corresponding end of a ~~[[side]]~~ lateral extension of a metallic insert element of another similar seal, and the seal comprises one element in a "comb" of similar seals manufactured in the same

injection operation, the individual seals being separable by breaking **[[the]]** junctions between the ends of the lateral extensions of the metallic insert elements.